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SUBJECT: Southeast Asia Task Force

1. This memorandum is for your information and guidance concerning the proposal to establish a task force to coordinate U. S. activities in the Southeast Asian countries of Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, Laos and Viet Nam. As you know, Mr. Alexis Johnson advised the Special Group that the Secretary of State had requested Governor Harriman to establish this task force to be composed of representatives of Defense, State, JCS, CIA, AID and USIA.

2. Objections have been raised by Defense, CIA and General Taylor to such a task force. It has been recommended that if such a task force were created that it be combined with the already existing task force on Viet Nam and that it be considered a supporting task force to the Special Group (CI). This matter is now being reviewed by Mr. Johnson and probably will not be finally determined until the return of the Secretary of State.

3. The above is for your information and guidance and not for further dissemination.

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

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